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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, DISTRICT OF UTAH
CENTRAL DIVISION

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

S.M.R. JEWELL, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:16CV168 DN

RESPONSE TO COMPLAINT

Honorable David Nuffer

Under DUCivR 7-4(a)(2), the Secretary of the Interior, the United States Bureau of Land Management, and the United States Forest Service (collectively Defendants) file this response to Plaintiffs' amended complaint, [ECF No. 13-1](#) ("Compl."), first filed in the District of Colorado prior to the Colorado court's entry of an order transferring the case to this judicial district.

Defendants deny that their decisions approving and issuing the Flat Canyon lease violated or violate either the National Environmental Policy Act or the Mineral Leasing Act; deny that their

decisions were or are arbitrary or capricious or constitute abuses of discretion; and deny that their decisions were or are “otherwise not in accordance with law,” as Plaintiffs allege. Compl.

¶¶ 96, 100, 106, 111. Defendants further deny that Plaintiffs are entitled to any of the relief sought in the amended complaint.

DATED this 15th day of April, 2016.

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